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- US Forest Service
- Washington Department of Natural Resources
- Oregon and Washington State Parks
- Vancouver and Clark County Parks and Recreation
- Backcountry Horsemen
- Washington Trail Riders Association
- Washington Trails Association
- Cape Horn Conservancy
- Friends of the Gorge
- Pacific Crest Trail Association
- Trail Keepers of Oregon

Come share our quest for the 300 mile

Chinook Trail
*embracing the beautiful
Columbia River Gorge*



Mission Statement

The Chinook Trail Association:

- Promotes development of a bi-state loop which embraces the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area with ridgetop and river level trails
- Cooperates with appropriate local, state and federal agencies to develop this recreational resource
- Monitors and participates in route selection, design standards, and trail development and maintenance in an ongoing spirit of conservation to preserve the natural beauty of the Columbia River Gorge
- Provides information and education to develop public support

The Chinook Trail Association is an all-volunteer 501 c 3 Organization

Chinook Trail Association Membership Application

___ Student/Senior \$20 ___ Individual \$35 ___ Family \$50 ___ Sustaining \$100 ___ Other

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ Email Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Send application and remittance to: **Chinook Trail Association**
PO Box 61686 Vancouver, WA 98666 Telephone 360-907-5733 www.chinooktrails.org

Members will receive the CTA newsletter The Chinook Trek and other significant CTA mailings



Standing on the summit of Silver Star Mountain ...

... in 1986, two lifelong hiking companions, Don Cannard and Ed Robertson, dreamed of a recreational trail along the Washington rim of the newly formed Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Two years later, the idea developed into a proposed 300 mile rim-top loop through Washington and Oregon. Don and Ed spent nights and days sharing their idea with the public agencies throughout the Gorge, and in 1988 CTA was incorporated in both states. Since then, support for the Chinook Trail has brought together many people from the public and private sectors who share an ongoing spirit of conservation to preserve the natural beauty of the Columbia River Gorge.

CTA Accomplishments

Although the Chinook Trail is still a work in progress, long distance hikers have made the loop from Vancouver to Portland via the bridge crossing at Maryhill, Washington and Biggs Junction, Oregon.



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Currently the trail includes the Discovery Trail and the Ellen Davis Trail in Vancouver. The longest continuous section begins at Hantwick Road Trailhead and continues over the Bells Mountain Trail and onto the Tarbell Trail. The Kloochman Butte Trail, Ed's Trail, and the Bluff Mountain Trail take the hiker to FR 41, FR 41 links to the Pacific Crest Trail and the Grassy Knoll Trail, ending at Forest Road 68 near Willard, WA. Trails in Oregon include The Dalles Riverfront Trail and the Mosier Twin Tunnels Trail east of Hood River. Other existing roads and trails make the 300 mile trek a hiker's delight.

Volunteers Make It Happen

Volunteers power the work of the CTA in many ways. The **Board of Directors** dreams and implements the vision for the Chinook Trail and is always looking for more members. **Agency planning meetings** are an important step in the development and stewardship of new and existing trails. **Clerical tasks and community contacts** attract still more volunteers, and periodic **trail work parties** provide us with many opportunities for service..



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Other Ways You Can Volunteer

- Membership Development
- Grant writing
- Historian
- Photographer/Videographer
- Trail Stewardship
- Assist with mailings/website/etc
- Promote CTA at Community Events

